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TOPIC PS Units in the Area South of Domazlice

25X1A Tank Troops in the Area of the Troop Training Grounds near Boletice

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1. Prior to 3 September 1951, a PS unit of 40 to 50 men was stationed in Polnava (Vollman) (N 50/U 79) south of Domazlice (Taus) (N 50/P 70). The members of the unit were armed with rifles and submachine guns, and were observed training with 8 light machine guns. Two Skoda Tudor sedans and an unidentified number of Jawa motorcycles were also observed. Stationary sentries guarded the border. Two saddle horses of the PS were stabled in an inn. Other saddle horses were expected to arrive. It was known that another PS unit of about 50 men was located in the woods, about 1 km south-east of Polnava, one in Dystrice (Fichtenbach) (N 50/U 69) and one in the castle of Trhanov (Chodenschloss) (N 50/P 70). (1)
2. Another PS unit was located in the Krasnohorska Hotel in Ceska Kubice (Kubitzien) (N 50/U 79). Residents said that 150 to 200 PS troops had arrived on 25 July 1951 and were quartered in a hotel near the railroad station. These troops were still being trained in early September 1951. (2)
3. Prior to 22 July 1951, the headquarters of the troop training grounds northwest of Boletice (Polletitz) (N 49/Q 74) was located in that town. Soldiers said that the personnel of a unit from Caslav (O 50/M 47) were in Polna (Stein) (N 49/C 64) in July 1951. From 6 to 10 tanks mounting guns with muzzle brakes were observed in a hunkent in Polesnice (Neustift) (N 49/Q 64) during the same period, and a tank unit with 20 to 30 tanks also mounting guns with muzzle brakes were confirmed in a camp north of Boletice. According to soldiers of this unit, most of the tanks had been built in the Skoda Plant. (3)
4. Prior to June 1951, a motorized unit was quartered in a barracks installation northwest of Pisek (N 50/Q 69) and just east of a station. Between 10 and 12 half-track vehicles with guns were seen almost daily as they passed the forestry school nearby. The guns, between 80 and 100 mm, had barrels about 4 meters long. The motor vehicles carried about 8 men each with rifles or submachine guns. (4) Drill grounds were located south of the barracks installation just northeast of the railroad bridge across the Otava River and northwest of the town. Lieutenant Colonel Pecival, (fnu), was seen in the barracks installation and when he reported as commander of engineers to a general who arrived at the station. Other officers in Pisek included Major Ripa, (fnu), who was assigned to the Military Court, and Captain Suk, (fnu), who served as artificer officer in the barracks installation in Purkratice, about 2 km northwest of Pisek. Soviet officers were repeatedly seen in Pisek. They were billeted in the Mack Villa. (5)

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- (1) A company of the PS battalion in Kout Na Sumave is carried in Polmava, a PS battalion in the Trhanov castle and a company of that battalion in Dystrice. The entire area is assigned to the PS brigade in Pobezevico.
- (2) Probably a training unit of the PS battalion in Kout. PS recruits were also reported arriving in As in July 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1
- (3) The 266th Itz Inf Bn and the 21st Itz Inf Bn are carried in Caslav. The two units belong to the 8th Itz Inf Div which is carried in Kolin. No information has been available that tanks are being assembled in the Skoda Plant. The tanks were probably built in prewar Czechoslovakia.
- (4) An unidentified artillery regiment which possibly is the unit mentioned in the present report was reported in Pisek in June 1951.
- (5) The water training site of the 2d Engr Regt which was repeatedly confirmed in Pisek until the fall of 1950, is probably on the Otava River. Commander of this regiment until September 1950 was Colonel Jilma, (fnu). An engineer depot is reportedly located in Purkratice. [REDACTED] 25X1

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